

06/08/2021

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 778

Response

You asked:

1. Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for substantive staff? **Yes**
2. Does the Trust provide onsite accommodation for temporary staff who require overnight accommodation to execute their duties?
Yes providing the overnight stay needs of permanent staff have been met first.
3. Where Trust accommodation is not available where does the Trust advise staff to book outsourced accommodation?
Local B+B's or Travel Lodge.
4. Does the Trust hold any existing relationships with accommodation providers and if so, please name those providers that you use?
Bedfordshire Pilgrims' Housing Association (building only-not the service).
5. How much does outsourced accommodation cost either the Trust or the staff member using it?
Depends on charge levied by provider.
6. Between 2019 and 2020 on average how many workers per week used overnight accommodation and what is the average length of booking?
Approximately 6 staff per week with a length of stay of between 2 and 5 nights depending on rota and on-call duties

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Yours sincerely,

IG/FOI Coordinator

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